

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—Is it not a fact that Government have compiled the cost of index of Bhadravati some time ago?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Notice, Sir.

Road from Ajjampur to Bukkambudhi in Tarikere.

Q.—736. Sri T. NAGAPPA (Tarikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reason for the road from Ajjampur town to Bukkambudhi in Tarikere Taluk being still unfit for traffic for motor cars and buses;

(b) how many years it is since this road work was commenced;

(c) whether they are aware of the extent of the difficulties experienced by the raiyats of the neighbouring villages due to this delay in providing facilities for travel;

(d) the period required to make the road fit for travel and bus traffic early?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) This is only an inter-village communication road. The alignment of the road runs on the tank bund of Bukkambudhi—Thimmasettikere which has width varying from 11 to 12 feet and hence is not fit for fast vehicular traffic.

(b) Twelve years.

(c) Yes.

(d) This work is approved under the road programme of the Chikmagalur District Board. The Special Officer will be requested to complete it as early as practicable.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—(a) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿ ಅಗಲ 11 ರಿಂದ 12 ಅಡಿಗಳವರೆಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅದು ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಏನು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟ್ ಬೋರ್ಡಿನವರು ಡೆವಲಪ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಈ Inter-village Communication ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ತಾವು ನೋಡಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಇದರ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದಮೇಲೆ ಈ ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸತಕ್ಕ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಬಹಳವಾಗಿರಬಹುದು ತಮಗೆ ಕಂಡು ಬಂದಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಈಗಿರುವ 11—12 ಅಡಿ ಅಗಲದ ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ಇನ್ನೂ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸುವ ವಿಚಾರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಕೆಲಸ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗಿ 12 ವರ್ಷಗಳಾಯಿತೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈಗ ಲಾಡರೂ ಈ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವುದನ್ನು ಯೋಚಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಯೋಚಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ವೈ. ಎಂ. ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರಯ್ಯ.—ಇನ್ನೆಷ್ಟು ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲ ಈ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಕೆಲಸ ಪೂರೈಸುತ್ತೀರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಜಾಗ್ರತೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಪಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Assistant Superintendent of Police as Special Public Prosecutor.

Q.—369. Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Srirangapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have appointed a police officer of the grade of Assistant Superintendent of Police as a special public prosecutor;

(b) what are all the cases that he is empowered to conduct; whether he is required to make a report and investigate into those cases (the details of cases that he is at present conducting may be furnished);

(c) what are the special reasons for appointing a police officer to be a special public prosecutor for those cases and for not entrusting them to the public prosecutors of the districts?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) Yes.

(b) (1) Cases under the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951 and such other cases that may from time to time be entrusted to him.

(2) He is not required to investigate into such cases and make a report.

(3) A statement embodying the details in this behalf is appended.

(c) As he is an experienced police officer, having sufficient knowledge of the special enactments, and as he has also previously conducted Sessions cases of importance, he has been appointed as Special Public Prosecutor for conducting the cases.

Statement of cases dealt with by the Special Public Prosecutor, Sri K. S. Narasimha Murthy

Sl. No.	Name of Respondent or Accused	Name and date of Newspaper	Subject of Prosecution	Section of Law	Date of filing complaint	Court and C.C. No. of the case	Date of hearing	State of the case with remarks
1	Rama Reddy and 10 others.	.....	...	147-149 r/w 455-149 r/w 323-149 r/w 427 and 323, I.P.C.	.. ...	Principal District and Sessions Court, Bangalore District, Crl. Appeal 231-1950-51.	..	..
2	Rama Murthy ...	Kamakala Book ...	Obscene publication.	292, I.P.C. ...	.....	Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bangalore District, Crl. Appeal 75-1953.	..	..
3	Seshappa and Chintamani.	Kidi, dated 5th April 1953.	...	3 and 4 of Contempt of Courts Act, 1952.	18th July 1953.	Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bangalore District, Crl. Mis. 32-1953.	..	..
4	T. Narayana ...	Mysore Patrike, dated 27th November 1952.	...	4 and 7 of the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951.	7th February 1953.	Principal District and Sessions Judge, Mysore, Crl. Mis. 3-1953.	..	..
5	T. Narayana ...	Mysore Patrike, dated 5th September 1953.	...	4 and 7 of the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951.	4th April 1953.	Principal District and Sessions Judge, Mysore, Crl. Mis. 7-1953.	..	..

(SRI A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.)

Sl. No.	Name of Respondent or Accused	Name and date of Newspaper	Subject of Prosecution	Section of Law	Date of filing complaint	Court and C.C. No. of the case	Date of hearing	State of the case with remarks
6	P. Seshappa ...	Kidi, dated 30th November 1952.	...	Section 7 of the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951.	24th March 1953.	Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bangalore District. Crl. Mis. 4-53.	...	...
7	M. S. Chintamani	Do	Obscene publication.	Section 4 of the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951.	12th March 1953.	Do Crl. Mis. 8-1953	...	...
8	P. Seshappa ...	Kidi, dated 11th January 1953.	...	Section 7 of the above Act.	27th March 1953.	Do Crl. Mis. 12-1953	...	...
9	M. S. Chintamani	Do	Do	Section 4 of the said Act.	Do	Do Crl. Mis. 14-1953	...	...
10	P. Seshappa ...	Kidi, dated 6th July 1952.	...	Section 7 of the said Act.	Do	Do Crl. Mis. 10-1953	...	...
11	Do ...	Kidi, dated 27th July 1952.	...	Do	19th May 1953.	Do Mis. 21-1953	...	...
12	Do ...	Kidi, dated 17th August 1952.	...	Section 7 of the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951.	Do	Do Crl. Mis. 20-1953.	...	...
13	Do ...	Kidi, dated 14th August 1952.	...	Do	27th March 1953.	Do Mis. 11-1953	...	...
14	Do ...	Kidi, dated 16th November 1952.	...	Do	19th June 1953.	Do Mis. 23-1953	...	...
15	M. S. Chintamani	Kidi, dated 6th July 1952.	Vide Sl. No. 10.	Section 4 of the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951.	17th April 1953.	Do Mis. Case 17-1953	...	...
16	Do ...	Kidi, dated 27th July 1952.	Vide Sl. No. 11.	Do	4th July 1953	Do Mis. Case 31-1953	...	...

Sl. No.	Name of Respondent or Accused	Name and date of Newspaper	Subject of matter of Prosecution	Section of Law	Date of filing complaint	Court and C.C. No. of the case	Date of hearing	State of the case with remarks
17	P. Seshappa	Kidi, dated 27th July 1952.	<i>Vide</i> Sl. No. 12.	Section 4 of the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act, 1951.	2nd September 1953.	Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bangalore District. Crl. Mis. Case 37-1953.	..	..
18	Do	Kidi, dated 14th September 1952	<i>Vide</i> Sl. No. 13	Do	27th March 1953.	Do Mis. Case 13-1953.	..	..
19	Do	Kidi, dated 16th November 1952.	<i>Vide</i> Sl. No. 14	Do	19th May 1953.	Do Mis. Case 22-1953.	..	..
20	George Clifford Gillispie	Sathya, dated 31st January 1953.	...	Sections 4 and 7 of the Press (Objectionable Matter) Act.	5th May 1953	District and Sessions Judge, Civil Station, Mis. Case 10-1953.	..	..
21	Do	Sathya, dated 2nd September 1953.	...	Do	Do	Do Mis. Case 9-1953.	..	..
22	Do	Sathya, dated 3rd September 1953.	...	Do	20th April 1953.	Do Mis. Case 8-1953.	..	..
23	Do	Sathya, dated 4th September 1953.	...	Do	5th May 1953	Do Mis. Case 11-1953.	..	..
24	Joker alias Kuppu-swamy	Drayton Murder Case.	...	457-380-302-411, I.P.C.	...	District and Sessions Judge, Civil Station, Bangalore.	..	..
25	Madhu alias Mahadeva	Assault on Chief Minister.	...	341, 332, I.P.C.	7th December 1953.	Additional First Class Magistrate, Civil Station, C.C. No. 2561-53.	..	..

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—What was the difficulty for the Government not to have entrusted the cases to the Public Prosecutor?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Because of the number of cases, it was thought best that a single officer would be better able to take a comprehensive view and discharge the work efficiently.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Then, what was the difficulty in appointing a member of the Bar as an additional Prosecutor?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Because the gentleman who was appointed was found to be quite efficient to discharge his duties.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Would it not be in keeping with the decorum of the Court to appoint only members from the Bar as Public Prosecutors, especially when the matter is going to be conducted before the Sessions Judge?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Not necessarily. It is a matter of opinion.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Would it not have been cheaper also to have a Special Public Prosecutor for conducting these cases as and when they arise?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Not necessarily.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are there any cases where Government officials have acted as Public Prosecutors before Sessions Judge?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Notice.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—At least in private capacity has the concerned Minister known of some instances as an Advocate?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not think that matters which come to my notice as a private gentleman I need answer.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Do the Government feel that this officer had the special capacity to conduct these cases?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—He has the necessary qualification to discharge his duties properly.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—What is his experience in conducting previously these cases?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—He has conducted cases before the Sessions Court also.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Has he ever conducted cases of libel, cases of contempt of this sort, before? What is his experience in that line?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The Act itself is a new one.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—The Act may be a new one. There was the Press Act previously. Has he conducted cases coming under the Press Act?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Notice.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Does this officer investigate offences under the Press Objections Act?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes, that is the task which he has been entrusted with.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Is it fair that the investigating officer should also be the prosecutor?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—He does not investigate any of these cases.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Does he not investigate?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The articles which are published are themselves the subject-matter of prosecution.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Before a case is launched before a court, does he not examine witnesses and prepare the cases?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Not necessarily.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Then, who does all these things before a case is filed before the Court? Who does the examining of witnesses and also going into these matters before a case is filed before the Court?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—As and when articles are published, they are scrutinised and examined.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—So the same officer scrutinises and then files charge sheet and then investigates to conduct cases?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Not necessarily.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know whether he is given any special pay for this work?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No special pay is given.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know whether there is any instance in the history of the Mysore Bar of a Police Officer being appointed to conduct cases?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Notice.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—There are some cases.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know what are those cases?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I know of at least one case where the police officer of the grade of Assistant Superintendent of Police was appointed as special Public Prosecutor.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—When did it take place?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want notice to state exactly when. But if you want to know the information, I can say that in the history of Mysore there is a case where a police officer was appointed as prosecutor.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Was he appointed to conduct cases before the Sessions Judge or before the lower courts?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—He has conducted cases in the Sessions Court.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Out of the cases entrusted to him, may I know how many have been disposed of?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Was he appointed mainly for conducting the cases coming under objectionable matters?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Why did the Government think it desirable to appoint such a person?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered that question. I have said that it was found necessary and he has been appointed.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Were there no Public Prosecutors to conduct cases of this nature?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered that question also; because this person was found fit he was appointed.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—Does it mean that the Public Prosecutors who are

appointed in other districts are incapable?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No reflection is intended.

Conduct of Government Officials in Nagamangala Taluk in bye-election.

Q.—454. Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Turuvekere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that action is taken against certain officials working in Nagamangala Taluk on the ground that they helped the Praja Socialist Party candidate in the recent bye-election held in the month of March 1953;

(b) if so, who are all those officials; and the extent of punishment in each case;

(c) whether proper enquiry was held and if explanations of the officials were obtained before definite charges were framed?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) A petition was received before the bye-election alleging that certain officials were working for the Praja Socialist candidate. The explanations of the officials were obtained and an enquiry was also held. As the allegations were not substantiated, no punishment was awarded.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

(c) *Vide* answer to (a) above.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಎ' ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟವರು ಯಾರು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಯಾರಿಂದಲೋ ಒಂದು ಅರ್ಜಿಯಂತೂ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಯಾವ ಯಾವ officials ಮೇಲೆ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದಾರೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಈಗ ವಿವರ ನನ್ನ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ enquiry ಆಗಿ allegation substantiate ಆಗುವವರೆಗೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ತೊಂದರೆಯೂ ಆಗದಂತೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ?